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Items of Interest Locally

For best values in groceries go to Nicholson & Switzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bower entertained friends at five hundred on last Friday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Johnston, of Edmonton, visited friends here last week and this week.

For the choicest candies, made in Lacombe, go to the Lacombe Candy Kitchen.

Are your lungs worth fifty cents? If so call at City Pharmacy and get a bottle of Laco, cough cure.

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The Public ball given in Boodle's Hall on Friday evening last was well attended and enjoyed by all present.

E. Woolf is in the Lacombe hospital, recovering nicely from an operation for tumor of the hip, which he underwent last week.

Don't forget the City Pharmacy has just received a full line of party goods, as Valentine party goods, and all big things, direct from New York.

The last league hockey game between Lacombe and Castor was played in Lacombe rink on Thursday evening. Lacombe won, the score being 8 to 2.

S. Nicholson has bought out E. S. Stanley's interest in the firm of Stanley & Switzer, which will henceforth be known as Nicholson & Switzer, with Mr. Nicholson in full charge of the business.

H. A. Kennedy, accompanied by Miss Kennedy, left on Saturday last for England. Mr. Kennedy expects to return to Lacombe about April 1st, while Miss Kennedy intends to remain in the old country.

There being no quorum present at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Lacombe Brick, Tile & Cement Company, on Saturday last, the president declared the meeting adjourned to Saturday, February 7, at 3 o'clock.

The W. C. T. U. slaying party of fifty was entertained at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Coverdale, on the evening of February 8th. Delightful music was furnished, and entertaining games, which with delicious refreshments made the evening one of much pleasure.

Thursday morning brought the most uncomfortable weather of the winter so far. The government thermometer at the Experimental Farm registered 42 below zero. On the street some thermometers were several degrees lower and some higher—all the way up to 40 degrees higher. But it was not the 42 degrees of minus temperature that made the morning disagreeable, it was the sharp wind blowing from the southwest that seemed to drive the cold through everything.

A ten cent tea and sale of home made baking will be held at the home of Mrs. A. Stanley Stewart on Saturday, February 21st, from three to six o'clock. The ladies of the Presbyterian congregation are requested to send in home made baking for the same.

On Monday N. W. Morrison received a telegram from Summerside, P. E. I., stating that his father had met with a serious accident, and was in a critical condition. No details of the accident further than that Mr. Morrison sustained a fractured skull are to hand.

On Saturday evening a hockey match will be played in Lacombe rink between the home team and the 103rd Regiment team of Calgary. The visiting team is at the head of the Calgary inter city league and numbers some very fast men among its players. A fast game is anticipated on Saturday evening.

James G. Pratt accompanied by Mrs. Pratt and family, arrived from Calgary on Saturday last to make their home here. As mentioned in a previous issue of the Guardian, Mr. Pratt has been appointed inspector in charge of the Central Alberta district for the Trusts & Guarantee Co., Limited, which has this week opened offices in the Day Block, Lacombe.

Probably the largest convention that the Seventh-Day Adventists have ever held in Western Canada, will convene in Lacombe on February 11, and continue until the 22nd. It will be the biennial meeting of the Western Canadian Union Conference, which includes the conferences in the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and British Columbia. The sessions will be held in the Adventist Church at Lacombe. Elder H. S. Shaw, president of the Western Canadian Union Conference, will have charge of the meetings.

Mrs. G. T. Jackson received the sad intelligence on Sunday last that her oldest sister, Mrs. J. F. Pierce, had died at her home in Edmonton. Mrs. Pierce was in her forty-second year, and had been ill for the past four or five months with heart trouble. Deceased leaves, besides her husband, two grown-up sons. Her father, James Horner, of Edmonton, survives her, as do two sisters, Mrs. Jackson, of Lacombe, and Miss Eva, who is at home; also six brothers, one of whom, Norman, resides in Lacombe. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Horner went to Edmonton Tuesday evening to attend the funeral.

W. L. McBride, an experienced opera house man, has taken a five months' lease on the Comet Theatre here. For several years past he has conducted play houses in Canadian cities, including Red Deer and Prince Albert in the west. The moving picture show will be revived and some new popular features introduced. Mr. McBride has secured the services of Mrs. Harold Woody and Mrs. Greaves as an orchestra and they will furnish music every night.

The people of Lacombe, as well as residents of the surrounding district, are taking hold of the natural gas proposition in a way that is good to see. This week a large number of shares have been subscribed for by Lacombe business men. The council will no doubt grant the franchise the company desires, and the well will be drilled this year.

According to tradition, on the second day of every February the ground-hog arouses from his winter's sleep, comes out of his hole and takes a long look around. Should he perchance see his shadow, he takes it as an omen that much winter is still before him and forthwith curls back into his hole and curls up for another six weeks of slumber. Groundhog day this year was one of the winter's sunniest days, so if the little animal came out any time between "early morn and dewy eve" he saw a long strong shadow. Therefore look out for another six weeks of winter, and lay in two or three tons more of coal to carry you through.

The Ice Carnival

The carnival on Monday night was well attended and otherwise successful, notwithstanding the very cold weather prevailing. There were about a hundred and twenty masqueraders on the ice, and the costumes were very good. The Lacombe band furnished music for the occasion.

Following are the prize winners: Gent's costume, Jack Hall, as an Indian; boy's costume, Ike Davidson, boy; comic costume, Earl Halpin; lady's costume, Miss May Telbot; girl's costume, Helen McLean first, Opal Danner second. In the races, Walter Fleming was the main event; Harry Fortune the boy's race. The other races did not fill. The rink management announce their intention of putting on another carnival later in the season.

Mexican Rebels Import Arms

Culiacan, Mexico, Feb. 5.—Military aeroplanes will be among the war munitions to be ordered at once from the United States by General Carranza, the rebel chief. This was announced today after Carranza had made hasty arrangements to take advantage immediately of the American government's action in lifting the embargo on the exportation of arms. The aeroplanes will be used in campaigns in northern Mexico.

Fourteen thousand rifles, with sufficient ammunition for a long campaign, have already been ordered. It is also stated that the rebels will import artillery with mounts suitable for use on board vessels, which will be armored for operations against the Pacific coast seaports still held by the Huerta forces. The rifles will be used in Chihuahua and Zacatecas.

Successful Masquerade Ball.

The masquerade ball given by the ladies of St. Stephen's church on Thursday evening was successful in every particular. About eighty ladies and gentlemen appeared in costume and as many more who were not masked. There were many handsome fancy costumes as well as meritorious comic ones. Among so many the judges must have had a hard task in making the awards.

After an hour of dancing in costume the judges announced their decisions and distributed the prizes. The ladies' first prize was awarded to Miss Simpson in Cow-Girl costume; second prize, Mrs. B. S. Cameron as a Japanese lady; third, Mrs. R. H. Winter, as a highland lass. The first prize for gentlemen was awarded to C. W. Wilson in a comic Dutch boy costume; Mr. Byrd in comic costume as a talcum powder infant captured second prize; a splendid Zulu costume was given third prize, but the young man inside of it refused to make known his identity to our reporter.

After awarding of prizes the floor privileges were extended to all who wished to dance, Lynch's orchestra very acceptably furnishing the music.

Edmonton Still Has Troubles

Edmonton is all torn up over matters pertaining to the administration of the police department of the city and the prevalence of crime. The chief of police has been dismissed from office and excitement runs high.

At the annual meeting of the Temperance and Moral Reform League on Tuesday evening Rev. A. W. Coone moved the following resolution which was carried unanimously:

"Whereas at a public meeting of the city council it was stated by the mayor that the police force of the city is absolutely rotten, and by two aldermen that gambling is openly carried on in the clubs of this city, and that two of the largest hotels were houses of prostitution, and whereas these charges made by the chief officer of the city reflect not only on the clubs and hotels, but most seriously against the police force, we suggest that a judicial commission investigate these charges especially as they affect the administration of the police department."

One of the non-understandable phases of the situation is, that while the clergy and their associates freely admit that conditions in Edmonton are far worse than Mayor McNamara has stated, yet they ferociously denounce the Mayor for removing from office the chief of police under whose administration these terrible conditions have been fostered.

Frozen to Death in Saskatchewan

Moose Jaw, Feb. 3.—The story of a little one-and-a-half-year-old child being frozen to death in its mother's arms in the Estevan district during the cold weather several days ago, comes to the city. The story is a deplorable one.

A German farmer with his wife and two children were on their way home. The storm came on and they got lost on the trail. Seeing a light ahead, they approached it and found it a homestead, the owner of which was of their own nationality. They asked for shelter, but were refused on the ground that there was not sufficient accommodation, and were told to go on six miles to another homestead.

Reluctantly they set out, but had not gone far when they found themselves off the trail. After a long drive they struck another homestead where they were welcomed and afforded shelter, and it was then found that little Katie Schwab, who was lying in her mother's arms, had succumbed to the cold and was dead.

The homesteader who turned the strangers away from the door in the storm is unknown, but the report from Estevan is to the effect that the people there are up in wrath against him.

Arrested on an Old Charge

Edmonton, Feb. 2.—Sheriff Fred C. Lane of Pierre, S. D., was in the city Saturday with two prisoners wanted on the charge of cattle stealing, who were arrested in the Peace River country after a chase which lasted six weeks.

The offences which the men are charged with were committed over six years ago, when 38 head of cattle were stolen from a South Dakota ranch and taken across the Canadian border to the northern part of the province.

While the identity of the suspects was known, they disappeared completely after the thefts and were not heard of till three months ago, when a former associate of the prisoners was arrested in South Dakota for vagrancy, and told the authorities where the men could be found.

The sheriff camped on their trail for several days between Athabasca and Grouard, and then lost track of them temporarily. He finally located them at Peace River Crossing. They gave the names of Harry Purcell and Fred Walters, which are not the names they went under in Dakota. They consented to go back without extradition.

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U. S. Lifts Embargo on Arms

Washington, Feb. 3.—President Wilson, by an executive order dated today and made public at the White House tonight, removed all restrictions against the exportation of munitions of war into Mexico from the United States, placing the contending elements on a basis of equality with respect to the purchase of arms and supplies in this country.

The executive order emphasized that it was the desire of the United States to be in the same position of neutrality toward the contending factions in Mexico as were the other powers.

Accompanying the order, the White House issued the following statement of explanations:

"The executive order under which the exportation of arms and ammunition into Mexico is forbidden was a departure from the accepted practices of neutrality—a deliberate departure from those practices under a well-considered joint resolution of congress—determined upon in circumstances which have now ceased to exist. It was intended to discourage incipient revolts against the regularly constituted authorities of Mexico. Since that order was issued the circumstances of the case have undergone a radical change. There is now no constitutional government in Mexico, and the existence of this order hinders and delays the very thing the government of the United States is insisting upon, namely that Mexico shall be left free to settle her own affairs, and as soon as possible put them upon a constitutional footing by her own force and counsel. The order is, therefore, rescinded."

Cold Weather Tragedy in Dakota

Hottelness, N. D., Jan. 31.—Andrew Lokken, aged 22, had both feet frozen and was otherwise so badly injured from exposure when he ran two miles across the country last night, with the temperature over twenty below, clad only in a thin undershirt reaching barely to his hips, that he may die.

Lokken, alarmed when his employer, Olaf Gutto, made alleged threats of murder against him and against Mrs. Gutto, leaped from a window of his room into the snow, and ran two miles till he reached the home of a neighbor, where he was taken in.

Mrs. Gutto, several minutes later, followed Lokken in his flight, clad only in her night gown; and she reached the home of another neighbor a half mile distant and she also suffered greatly from exposure.

Jealousy caused the trouble and a quarrel between husband and wife, during which alleged threats were made, being after they had all retired for the night.

NO TARIFF RELIEF

The Big Interests and not the farmers, or consumers have the ear of the government.

Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, has declared in the House of Commons that in his opinion under-production is the main cause of the high cost of living in Canada. He stated that the remedy was to encourage production, and increase the rural population, and he gave his views as to the best methods by which this might be brought about. Speaking about the Agriculture Bill, brought down by Hon. Martin Burrell last session, Mr. White said:

"I shall be very much surprised if that bill does not produce substantial results, just as soon as it is possible to get it into operation, taking agricultural instructions to the farmer, teaching him as to his soils, as to his grain, as to his breeds of cattle. A Government that does that is doing something to promote agriculture."

In other words the government's remedy for under-production is to "educate the farmer."

Liberals, while admitting that under-production is one of the causes of high prices, do not stop there, but have sought a series of remedies, based upon known conditions. They believe that the first step to encourage production is to remove many of the handicaps under which the farmer at present labors, to provide steady markets for his produce, and to permit him to obtain the necessities of life at the lowest cost. The abolition of the duties on wheat and the reduction on agricultural implements have been urged upon the Government, but without success.

"It is peculiar that our honorable friends who are so generous to agriculture, who expect such magnificent results from that generosity should have refused specifically, so far as the records to date show, every request that had been made by the authorized voice of agriculture in this country," said Hon. Frank Oliver speaking of the visit of the Farmers' delegation to the capital before session. That delegation had asked "that all foodstuffs be placed on the free list as we believe that the taxing of food is a crime against humanity."

It is to be noted that in this demand the farmers declared their willingness to lose the protection which their products now "enjoy." But Mr. White does not think that the farmers know what is best for their own business, and again he is ready to educate them. He and his government do not think that free wheat, for which the three western legislatures have voted, is to the best interests of the farmers. "So far as I know," he declares, "There is no public opinion in favor of a revision of the tariff downward at this particular time."

Why did the Government turn a deaf ear to the voice of organized agriculture a month ago? Why were the Conservative members from Alberta dissuaded from making any demand for free wheat? Why did the announcement of the passing of the free wheat resolution in the Manitoba house cause the Government annoyance? Why in short does the Government refuse to believe that the representatives of the grain growers

know best what is good for that great industry?

The answer may be given in the following editorial paragraph contained in this month's issue of Industrial Canada, the organ of the Canadian Manufacturers Association. Referring to the demand for tariff relief for the consumers in Canada on fresh fish the editorial says:

"The reason why we cannot remove our duties and let the New England fishermen send their fish into Canada free is that the National Policy requires protection for all classes; farmers, and fishermen, miners and manufacturers. If we take protection away from the fishermen how can we oppose any attempt to take it away from the manufacturers?"

Mr. White's adviser, Mr. B. W. Broadner, late tariff expert for the Canadian Manufacturers Association has no doubt whispered in the ear of the Minister:

"If we take protection away from the farmer, how can we oppose any attempt to reduce protection on the things the farmer buys? And that will hurt our friends the Big Interests."

SENATE REFORM A SHAM

The Government now blantly admits only a "political" reform is desired.

Three years ago, Senate reform used to be a favorite topic of Conservative politicians. Mr. Borden promised it as one of the constructive planks of his Halifax platform. Mr. Lancaster brought up annually a resolution in Parliament advocating either abolition of the Senate or a change in its constitution so as to make it more amenable to the popular will. But that was three years ago, when the Conservatives were not in office, and when Conservative Members of Parliament were not looking for personal preferment by way of appointment to a seat in the Upper Chamber. Since the Borden Government came into power, there has not been a word about any change in the constitution of the Senate. Even Mr. Lancaster, with his eye on a seat in the Red Chamber for the member for Lincoln, has been eloquently silent. There have been many fulminations against the Liberal majority in the Senate, and these have constituted the chief argument and excuse put forward by Mr. Borden and Hon. W. T. White and other Conservative speakers this session for the paucity of any real legislative achievements by the present Government. But not a word as to any permanent policy for "reform of the Senate" other than by the process of substituting "in due course," as Mr. Borden said, Conservatives for Liberals. As Hon. W. T. White baldly put it in the Commons on Tuesday last, "We shall simply have to wait the slow process of time and of mortality until the Senate of Canada is brought into accord with the popular will."

In view of such self-confessed political opportunism the speciousness of the Conservative cry for some real measure of Senate reform may be readily gauged.

PARAGRAPHS FROM PARLIAMENT

Here are a few of the terse paragraphs from Conservative and Liberal speakers during the past week in Parliament. The contrast

in viewpoint and in logic is illuminative:

Dr. Michael Clark, Liberal member for Red Deer: "The slogan 'leave well enough alone' now appears to be supplanted on the part of this Government by the slogan 'leave ill enough alone'."

Dr. Michael Clark: "Have the farmers not the right to speak for their own industry? What is macroeconomics or holy about manufacturers, so called, that they should receive very much attention from the Government and that no heed should be paid to the plea of the farmers who are engaged in the most important industry of all. I contend it is the right of the wheat growers to be the judges in this matter."

Mr. J. H. Burnham, Conservative member for Peterborough: "Canada is in danger of becoming very materialistic. From one end of this country to the other we hear talk about free food, about dear food, about the high cost of living, and about the tango. That is all that is going on in the country now."

Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance: "My own view is that free food means free trade."

Hon. W. T. White: "So far as I know, there is no public opinion in favor of a revision of tariff at this particular time. As I said in the beginning of my speech, we have gone through a very trying period; a long-continued and severe depression. But the morning is now beginning to break; money is easier in the international centers, and that is the most hopeful sign today."

Hon. Frank Oliver: "May I say Mr. Speaker, that the attitude of the Government in the two previous sessions was that of the cat which sat around in a circle, but this session it is that of the cat which, having found no results from the circling process, sticks its head in the sand, and thereby hopes to protect itself and to discharge its duties. May I be pardoned if I suggest that the position is not graceful; it is not creditable, and it is decidedly vulnerable."

THE HOG THE MORTGAGE PAYER

In these days of the high cost of food and especially of meat, when the packers are despairing of the meat supply and the price of fresh food is proceeding steadily upward, farmers would do well to pay heed to a section of Samuel W. Allerton's book on "Practical Farming," entitled, "The Hog the Mortgage Payer."

Mr. Allerton says that this is what the hog is known as on Illinois farms and he believes that it is an eminently correct designation. He gives much practical advice regarding the successful raising of hogs and points out that the only serious obstacle to success is hog cholera.

But this may be avoided by proper feeding of the animal, his idea being that cholera is produced by overfeeding of corn. He therefore advises ground barley as a change of feed, and also suggests, in order to prevent the spread of the disease in case any animal upon a farm should become infected with it, that hog coops be constructed and scattered over the farm so that infection may be confined to as few of the animals as possible and the loss minimized.

Mr. Allerton shows that by prop-

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or care hog raising is not expensive, and it is unnecessary to point out that in these times of high prices it brings large returns. He shows, in addition, that besides the direct value of hog breeding in the profit of the animals themselves, hogs greatly enrich the land upon which they run, and thus their presence on the farm makes for the betterment of all crops by supplying natural fertilizer.

Farmers should know all these things not only for their own benefit but for the sake of the entire consuming public of the nation. If it were realized how profitable hog cultivation really is, there would be many more hogs raised and the meat problem would be by no means so acute.



Government of the Province of Alberta

Notice to Steam Engineers

Notice is hereby given that examinations will be held at the undermentioned places by John Douglas, a duly appointed Inspector of Steam Boilers for the Province of Alberta.

Red Deer, March 7th, Fire Hall.
Lacombe, March 10th, Adelphi Hotel, (Sample room).
Ponoka, March 11th, Royal Hotel, (Sample room).

at 9 o'clock, a. m.

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UNINTENDED RESULTS

For thirty years Germany has had a system of national insurance against sickness and accident. Investigators have recently made a thorough study of its working, and have reached conclusions in regard to it of unexpected interest and importance.

The investigators find that although cheating is general and notorious, it can be neither prevented nor punished. No social stigma marks the man who is detected in fraud, for the public does not regard it as wrong to rob the government by making false claims for insurance. On the contrary, the offenders openly boast of the success of their scheming, and actually deem it an honor to receive government aid, no matter by what means obtained. Experienced pensioners give advice to novices in respect to the symptoms they wish to assume. They pass round rules for feigning illness and disability as people in other countries exchange prescriptions for obtaining health and strength. The system, say the investigators, is robbing the working class of self-respect and ambition, and seriously debasing its moral standards.

But the feigning of illness, and accident—malingering, as it is called—is not the worst phase of the situation. The amount of actual sickness has increased. A man easily finds some ground, however slight, for making a claim, and then his imagination does the rest. The German working man falls ill more easily and stays ill longer than he did before government insurance began. The medical men of Germany have come to recognize as a disease this morbid conviction of the insured that they are entitled to the benefits allowed by the law. The prevalence of this condition of mind, which is wholly owing to psychological causes, is astounding.

In spite of the great advance in the methods of treating disease, in surgical science and hygienic knowledge, and in sanitary conditions generally, the length of the illness following any given accident among the classes that benefit from government insurance has increased enormously. For example, among insured persons in Germany the average length of time required to recover from a broken collar-bone is more than eight months; formerly, in the case of young people, it was from fifteen to twenty days, and in the case of older persons from twenty to forty days.

The slower cure is not due to fraud. It is due wholly to the patient's mental attitude toward his ailment—to his morbid or hysterical desire to remain an invalid and to draw the benefit. So powerful is this desire that the German doctors are able to cure only 9.3 per cent of the nervous diseases that follow accidents, whereas, in

Denmark, where insurance benefits run for only a limited time, the percentage of cures is 93.6 per cent. The difference is almost incredible; but the German investigators, patient and unprejudiced, just forth to prove their assertions facts and figures beyond the reach of contradiction.

Naturally enough, the statement of Germany are anxious, for they realize that state insurance, although conceived in a spirit of humanity—is not only weakening the moral fiber of the nation, but is also sapping its physical stamina.

"The tragedy of all great reforms," Professor Bernhard, one of the investigators, pointedly remarks, "lies in this, that the unintended results are more powerful than the intended results."

DAIRY ACRES

While glancing over the results of the dairy herd competition given at the recent dairy convention, one could not help being struck by the yields—7,317 pounds of milk; 214 pounds of fat per cow.

During the same session a chart was displayed indicating that some dairy farms are producing very little milk, one was listed giving a yield of only 125 pounds of milk per acre. With a dairy farm growing corn, oats, clover and alfalfa, and having pretty good pasture, it should not be very difficult to produce 2,000 pounds of milk per acre and at the same time increase the fertility of the soil. This system should yield an income of over thirty dollars per acre instead of the insignificant average of five dollars and seventy nine cents which was the average yield per acre cultivated including pasture given officially as the average return from five thousand cows in Ontario. The acres need not be idle more than the cows; are years just common acres, or dairy acres?

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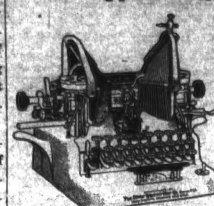
Alberta Rancher Defrauded

Toronto, Feb. 1.—By taking advantage of the infirmities of Thomas Thompson, an aged rancher from Red Deer, Alta., who had befriended him in several ways, Thomas B. Roy is said to have stolen \$270. Roy was arrested today.

Roy and Thompson had rooms in the same house. Roy, who claims to be an osteopath, had treated the old man for illness, and in this way the two had become quite friendly. On December 23 the old gentleman wished to withdraw \$30 from the bank and asked

Roy to make out a cheque for that amount for him to sign. Instead of making out the cheque for thirty dollars, Roy is said to have made it out for \$300 and cashed it.

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Several Ladies' Fur Coats and Overcoats at real snags.

Men's Fur Coats from \$5.00 and up. Shirts, Sweaters, Underwear, Overalls, Mitts and Sox.

Rifles, Shotguns, Ammunition.

Cross-Cut Saws, Log Chains, Axes and Handies, Beds, Springs, Mattresses, Chairs, etc., Dishes, Glassware, Enamelware, Cooking Utensils. Skates ground. 1 buy Fur.

If you are buying a range, ask me to give you names of 35 users of the Monarch Petroleum in, and out of town. Every user a booster.
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Founded some sixty-eight years ago by the late John Dougall, the "Witness" has always been, and the "Weekly Witness" still continues to be, exclusively owned and edited by Dougalls. During the past three generations it has conscientiously, devotedly and very efficiently, served its country in many ways, notably in its campaigns for Temperance, Righteousness, Religious Liberty, Education, and Lower Tariffs, linking towards lower cost and higher plane of living. If Canada is not yet enjoying to the full the benefits of these things, it is far ahead of many other countries in most of them, and this is due to normal measures in the stand, or, more correctly, the splendid campaigns of the "Witness" whenever opportunity afforded. The welfare of the Canadian farmer in particular has always been considered of prime importance by the Editor of the "Witness," and the "Witness" has done yeoman service to agriculture.

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My Grocery Department is up to date and I will be pleased to show the advantage of trading at my store.

THE LEADING STORE

Final Clearance of All Winter Goods in the Big Cash Sale

We have made Slashing Reductions on all Winter Goods

Saving Prices All Over the Store



Ladies' Sweaters at Half Price

The balance of our stock of Ladies' and Children's fine knit Sweaters in large assortment of styles and colors, at exactly half price.

Furs of All Kinds at Sweeping Reductions

Including Ladies' Rat Coats, Fur-lined Coats, Fur Scarfs, Stoles and Muffs at special clearing prices.

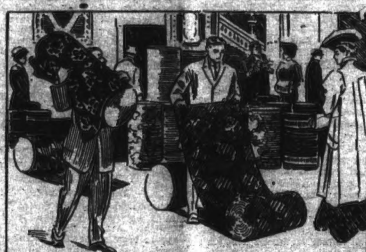
Ladies' and Children's Dresses One-Third Off

Our entire stock of Ladies', Misses and Children's Dresses in Serges, Panamas, Taffeta Cloths, Whipcords, and Shepherd Checks, all at a discount of **33 1/3 per cent**

Ladies' Winter Caps at Half Price

The balance of our stock of Aviator Caps and Toques in a large assortment of styles. Take your choice at half price.

5 doz. Children's Toques in brown red, navy, and grey, in plain, and combination colors, regular 35c and 50c, clearing at **25c each**



House Furnishings at Clearing Prices

We offer special inducement to buy House Furnishings during this sale, including Carpet Squares, Hearth Rugs, Carpets, Linoleums, Blankets, Comforters, White Spreads, Curtains and Table Covers, all at reduced prices.

Final Reduction on Boots and Shoes

We have several lines of Ladies' Boots and Shoes that are left from the heavy selling and in many instances we have only a few sizes left of each. To clear these quickly we have cut the price in half.

Ladies' Felt Boots and Slippers

All our Ladies' and Children's Winter Felt Boots and House Slippers in a big variety of styles, 25 per cent off.

Clean Up Prices in the Men's Department

Fur Coats at Slaughter Prices

3 Coon Coats, highest grade made, regular \$160.00, now **\$115.00**

2 Coon Coats, regular \$150.00, now **\$108.00**

4 Korean Beaver Coats were \$27.50 now **\$22.50**

6 China Dog Coats, regular \$22.50, now **\$17.00**

3 Black Beaver Coats with curl cloth lining and interlined with rubber, regular \$35.00, now **\$27.00**



Men's Fur Gauntlets and Mitts at 1/3 Less

Men's Korean Beaver Mitts, were \$6.00, now **\$4.00**

Men's China Dog Gauntlets, were \$6.00, now **\$4.00**

Men's Curl Cloth Gauntlets, were \$2.50, now **\$1.90**

All working Gloves and Mitts at big reductions

Sweeping Reduction on Remnants and All Odds and Ends

A Car Load of Groceries at Unbeatable Prices

Best quality of Aylmer Brand Canned Goods

Tomatoes.....	old price 2 cans for 35c	new price 2 cans for 25c
Corn.....	" 15c per can	" 10c per can
Peas.....	" 15c per can	" 10c per can
Beans.....	" 15c per can	" 10c per can
3 lb tins Pumpkin.....	" 15c per can	" 2 cans for 25c
Finest Red Sockeye Salmon.....	old price 30c can	" 20c per can
98 lb sack Royal Household Flour.....	old price \$3.50	new price \$3.00
98 lb sack Glenora Flour.....	" 3.25	" 2.65
20 lb sack best Granulated Sugar.....	" 1.25	" 1.10
Herrings in Bullion.....	" 20c	" 10c
Choice Washington Apples.....		\$1.75 a box
Lemons.....	30c a doz	Oranges..... 20c 30c 35c a doz
Best quality of Bran and Shorts.....		\$1.00 per hundred pounds

Hardware at Big Reductions

All copper nickel plated Teakettles

Old price \$2.50—\$2.25 Old price \$1.75—\$1.50

Diamond A Food Choppers, the handiest article around the house, 4 plates with each chopper.

No. 1 size, old price \$1.50 now **\$1.30**

No. 2 size, old price 1.85 now **1.65**

No. 3 size, old price 2.25 now **2.00**



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Belle Oak Heaters	Special Oak Heaters	Sunbeam Oak Heaters
No. 12, old price \$14.00—\$12.50	No. 15, old price \$12.50—\$11.00	No. 18, old price \$9.50—\$8.00
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